

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
ROY REED SQUADRON #252
WINSIDE, NE
JANUARY 29, 2019**

Commander Arlin Kittle called the meeting to order with 6 members present and 8 guests (Arlin Kittle, Bud Neel, Kevin Andersen, Gene Jensen, Darin Greunke and Jim Rabe. Guests: D3 Cmdr. Daryl Harrison, Lt. Dan Hicks {NSP}, Rose Janke, Bob & Peggy Krueger, Mary Jensen, Carol Jorgensen, Beemer ALR Vaughn Beed and Kim Daughtry). Cmdr. Kittle led the members in a salute to the flag. Gene Jensen offered prayer. A moment of silence was observed for our forefathers and the POW/MIA's. Cmdr. Kittle led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SONS Preamble.

Carol Jorgensen and Mary Jensen gave a report on the Winside Back Pack program. Mary and Pat helped start the program. They have had over 20 kids. Right now, they have 12 kids. Packed bags are delivered to the school on Thursday morning to be given out on Friday. Bags are packed with breakfast, lunch, snack and fruit. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, each family gets a bone-in ham. If they have a 4-day weekend, we include P. Butter & jelly. At Christmas, there are 3 days of bags in a row including health products and a souped up bag. Also include a big box of cereal. Some other items have included underwear and insulated gloves. The Boy Scouts and School have food drives to help out. In the summer, filling packs has been a challenge. Someone has to pick up donations at the Hoskins bank. For monetary donations, Mary is a very good shopper and gets her monies worth. Any help would be appreciated. We thanked them for their support of the kids and discussion would be held at our meeting.

Rose Janke, Bob and Peggy Krueger gave a report on the Winside Museum military uniforms. Museum is attempting to get all the uniforms cleaned as they are musty and in need of a dry area to be displayed for Memorial Day. They have about 40 uniforms. They have talked with Quality Cleaners in Norfolk. It will cost approximately \$10.00 for a 2 piece uniform. Some uniforms have vests and some have ribbons and badges attached to them that will have to be taken off. Museum is asking for help in the cost of cleaning. We thanked them for the information and would discuss it at our meeting.

District 3 Commander Daryl Harrison, Lt. Dan Hicks, Vaughn Beed and Kim Daughtry were in attendance to discuss a combined donation for NSP Service Dogs from the Beemer Legion Riders and Winside SONS Squadron. Lt. Hicks advised the Patrol had

just received a substantial donation to take care of the 2 dogs they need to replace. Doesn't mean there might not be a future situation they could use help to complete. Lt. Hicks gave a brief overview of the Patrol situation and maybe future possible needs. The immediate need for a donation is not warranted at this time, but Beemer ALR and Winside SONS will continue to communicate with a future endeavor.

The guests left and Cmdr. Kittle continued the SONS meeting.
Bud Neel read the minutes of the meeting and they were approved as read.

Kevin Andersen offered the treasurer's report as of January 27, 2019: **General checking account: Jim Rabe moved to approve the report, Darin Greunke second, motion passed.**

Benevolent checking account: and **Benevolent savings account: Gene Jensen moved to approve the report, Jim Rabe second, motion passed.**

Committee reports:

--Darin Greunke advised we have started buying prizes. A bill from Verlyn Stoltenberg for 14 prizes (guns) amounted to \$8973.83. Verlyn purchased a Charles Darby Triple Crown (3 barrel) shotgun. **Jim Rabe moved to approve to pay the bill, Gene Jensen second, motion passed.**

--Gun Show: Bud has printed 300 flyers as people were asking for them for other gun shows. Darin wants a copu sent to him.

Sick Call:

--Ray Jacobsen, shoulder surgery

Old business:

--Bud gave a report of the Veterans moving from Grand Island to Kearney.

--Purple Heart recipients Honor Flight information was talked about.

--Fisher House in Omaha is adding rooms for families.

--Bud Neel gave the Mid-Year Conference report.

--Scholarships for this year. The topic will be **"History of USS Indianapolis and Survivors."** Need application back by March 27, 2019. (Is this for SAL or Tim Voss?)

New Business:

--Darin Greunke advised the Sharpshooters are trying something new. Signed up for a new match, (Postal?)

--Kevin Andersen reported on Kolton Jensen Scholarship application. Donation has been sent.

--Winside Museum discussion on Military uniforms. **Darin Greunke moved to donate \$500.00 to clean the uniforms, Jim Rabe second. Discussion was held. Motion passed.**

--Discussion was held on NSP Service Dogs. Service Dogs are not needed at this time, but never know when something else might arise. Members are interested in working with Beemer ALR Chapter on a future project to donate too.

--Bud gave Cmdr. Kittle the coin for our Legacy Scholarship donation. Coin needs to be put on the plaque in the display case.

--Thank you's from: Wayne Food Pantry; Winside Fire & Rescue; Fisher House; St. Paul Lutheran Church Back Pack program; Norfolk Vet's Home and Ronald McDonald House.

--SONS newsletter was read

--February 8 is Vet's Legislative Day at the Capital.

--Boy's State is Jun 2-8 at UNL

--Jr. Law is Jun 10-13 GI LETC

Next meeting is February 26 at 7 PM

The Beemer SONS meeting on 2nd Wednesday at 7 PM, ALR meeting at 7:30

Gene Jensen offered benediction.

Cmdr. Kittle closed the meeting.